

HCSGA Minutes
March 27, 2013

Call to Order 12:08 pm

Roll Call **Advisor:** Barb McAlmond, **President:** Misty Johnson
 Vice President: Brittanie Schwedhelm and **Business Manager:** Lexie Country
 Quorum Met.

Approval of the Minutes – *Tracie Hayward motioned to approve the minutes as written. Greta Pollock seconded, motioned carried.*

New Business

Russ Fillner – Discussed tuition rates, student fees and justifications for fees. Tuition will not increase and minimal fees that will be increased correlate to specific courses for items such as material costs or software upgrades. Open discussion on online fees for hybrid courses. Protocol for addressing tuition and student fees is to bring concerns to HCSGA President. *Senators do not have any concerns for the Board of Regents regarding the fees Mr. Fillner discussed that will be increasing.*

Amendment to Board of Regents Policy 940.12.1 – The Associated Students of Montana State University is seeking HCSGA’s position on amendment. Open discussion held on advantages and disadvantages of amending the current policy of tuition and fee approval annually rather than biannually. *Tabled until next meeting.*

Board of Regents Non-Discrimination Policy 703 Addition – Open discussion held regarding including gender identity language into current non-discrimination education and employment policies. Senators expressed the language is currently included at the federal level such as the Federal Housing program. A draft letter for submitting concerns was included in Senators’ handouts provided by Kiah Abbey. *Tabled until next meeting.*

HCSGA Conduct – All members of the HCSGA must conduct themselves with the highest level of professionalism and courtesy on behalf of the student body they are representing. Barb McAlmond addressed the Student Government. *“The Student Government is an exchange of respect. As a Senator, you are expected to give mutual respect to each other, the Officers and the Student Government.”*

Old Business

Student Graduation Speaker – Seth Hanley and Cary Grubb nominated. Misty Johnson called for a deciding vote. *Seth Hanley received 5 votes and Cary Grubb received 6 votes. Cary will be asked to accept student speaker nomination.*

Announcements

Nominated faculty graduation marshals have graciously accepted nominations.
Officer candidacy forms due April 12th to Barb McAlmond.
Pi Day will be held April 15th from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm in student center.

Adjourn – *Caleb Turner motioned to adjourn, Rachel Ross seconded, motion carried.* 12:47 pm